

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the People/The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory: "Wade in The Water"

Adult Choir

***Doxology**

(Blue #592/Screen)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn:** "Baptized in Water"

(Blue #492/Screen)

***Charge/Benediction:** "Aaron's Blessing"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones/Cong. echo

Postlude

Maggie

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Sunday, January 8, 2023

9:15 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Worship

(On Facebook Live & KGLH 96.9 FM Radio)



Baptism of the Lord

As a community of Christ, Hope Presbyterian Church demonstrates the good news of God's love, grace and hope.

- *We build relationships with one another in order that we might strengthen our ability to love God and love others.*
- *Visitors, youth and children are welcome to participate in worship, Bible Study, spiritual development opportunities, prayer, and service.*

God is here and welcomes you! If you are a visitor and are looking for a church home, be assured you are welcome and needed at Hope Presbyterian Church. We are a people who seek to respond to God's love in Christ and we invite you to join us.

Please be advised that our sanctuary worship service is on Facebook Live and taped for television broadcast, aired on Channel 18 (Windstream Cable) and Channel 181 (Charter Cable) on Sundays (2:30 pm), Tuesdays (11:30 am and 8:30 pm), and Thursdays (8:00 am and 5:00 pm).

ATTENDANCE FOLDERS: Please fill out the attendance pad located at the inside end of your pew and pass it down your row. If you are visiting, please mark the visitor column and include your mailing address. Thank You!

***(Please stand as you are able)**

Prelude

Maggie Harp

Welcome

Lay Reader: Sue Block

***Call to Worship**

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

ALL: The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations. All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.

One: God gathers us from far away and carries us. With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts, we receive the abundance God gives.

ALL: We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.

***Opening Prayer**

One: O Lord our God, your glory shines as far as the east is from the west, from the north to the south, so that all people may see and be radiant, so that every heart might thrill and rejoice. Guide us on our baptismal journey in Christ. Overwhelm us with the joy of your presence. May we enter your house and pay homage to him whose infant arms were already reaching out to the ends of the earth so that all might be gathered in. In your triune name, we pray.

All: Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

(Blue #66/Screen)

Prayer of Confession

ALL: God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed; whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of those who are poor; or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help. Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world more

than loving the light of your righteousness made known to us in Jesus Christ. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri**

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***Passing of the Peace** (Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another)

Announcements

Special Music: "A Carol For Epiphany"

Adult Choir

Children's Sermon

Response: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

(STF #2193/Screen)

Prayer for Illumination:

One: O God of wonder, as that ancient star rose and guided the magi, illuminating the place where Jesus was, so now may the light of your Holy Spirit shine in our hearts and minds as the Word is read and proclaimed. Guide us again to Christ and direct us in new paths of faithfulness. In Christ we pray.

ALL: Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "Seeking Jesus—For What?"

Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

***Sermon Hymn:** "Father, I Adore You"

(Sing the Faith #2038/Screen)

***Affirmation of Faith/The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

HOSPITALITY SERVANTS

Coffee Servers

January 8: Nancy & Rod Gjerde, Robin & Greg Mulder

January 15: Jonelle & Harold Foreman

Ushers

January 8: Wally & Amanda Titus Family

January 15: Open

*****Please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall (by the library) to usher, lay read or acolyte in January-Thank You!**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lay Readers

January 8: Sue Block

January 15: Jonelle Foreman

Sound Operators: Pete Bratberg, Duane Taatjes, Daryl Taatjes, Stephanie Bents

Video Operators: Carter Taatjes, Pete Bratberg, Wally Titus, Daryl Taatjes

Screen Operators: Stephanie Bents, Sherry Bratsch, Jerry Bents

Radio Operators: Harold Foreman, Daryl Taatjes

HOPE HAPPENINGS!

January Hope Scope/ HPW Booklet

Please pick up your items in your church mailbox. The January Hope Scope and HPW Booklet are in them too!

CARE Pantry Challenge

January is...toothpaste, toothbrushes, and mouthwash. Please leave your donations on the table by the church mailboxes. A huge Thank You to everyone who has donated items to the CARE Pantry at any time!

“These Days” Devotionals

“These Days” Devotionals for January-February-March have arrived. Copies are available on the table in the Narthex, on the table in the library and in the office.

Back Pillows Available

Pillows are available in the narthex for your back comfort during worship.

Family Meal this Wednesday

A family meal will be held this Wednesday evening at 5:45 pm prior to Christian Education classes. Meal was cancelled last week due to bad weather.

Rockin’ Wednesdays

A fun youth group activity is planned for Wednesday, January 25th, 6-8 p.m. at the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center. This is for all youth (W.O.W. and T.A.G.)

HPW Craft Night rescheduled to January 17th

HPW will be having a craft night Tuesday evening, January 17th at 6:30 pm, led by Karen Hagemeyer. Please come!

Annual Meeting January 22nd

Our annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 22nd after worship. Your annual report will be in your church mailbox next Sunday. Please read it in preparation for the meeting. Thanks!

Lost & Found

Several items were found after the Christmas worship services. There is a ring, a bracelet, socks and an umbrella (were found before.) These are on the bulletin board by the offices. Please check if they are yours.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 8 (Sunday)	BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
January 9 (Monday)	5:45 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
January 10 (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m. Tuesday's Table at Evangelical Covenant Church
January 11 (Wednesday)	5:45 p.m. Family Meal 6:15 p.m. WOW, Pre-Confirmation 6:30 p.m. TAG 7:15 p.m. Choir
January 12 (Thursday)	
January 13 (Friday)	Office Closed
January 14 (Saturday)	7:00 p.m. AA
January 15 (Sunday)	9:15 a.m. Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship (Also Facebook Live and Radio) 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

Contact Information for Rev. Dr. Brian Jones: For any pastoral emergencies in the evenings or weekends when the office is not open, please contact Pastor Brian on his cell phone (605-204-0625) or email him at brianwjones1980@hotmail.com.

****Please Note**** If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card from the ushers and return it to them, which will be given to Pastor Brian. Thank You!



PRAYER REQUESTS

***Indicates new**

Members with Health Concerns:

Arlos Jones, Judy Heath

Family and Friends with Health Concerns:

Kim (Friend of Sherry Bratsch) Joanna Hanson (Helmstetter's niece)
Sandy Aalderks Jerry Harder

Grieving:

*Family of Julie Evans (Joanne Ryks' Daughter), Family of Shirley Bradford (Tim's Mom), Family of Carol Ann Olsen (Erica Hippen's Mom), Family of Betty Miller

Care Facilities:

Gary Anfinson (Bethesda-Willmar), David Carlson (Bethesda North Pointe), Jeanette Gault (GlenOaks), Bob Sietsema (Bethesda North Pointe), Barb Morris (Copperleaf-Willmar), Mary Lou Swart (PCU's at GlenOaks)

Other Concerns:

For those dealing with mental health issues and who struggle with addiction
For those deeply wounded by domestic violence, violence in schools, mass shootings
For those grieving the death and injury of a loved one due to violence and war
For those affected by natural disasters, COVID-19 pandemic
For those serving in the military in Ukraine and elsewhere

January Deacons of the Month: Sue Block & Robin Mulder